

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance dated May 14, 2008, in which claims 8-14 were allowed, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

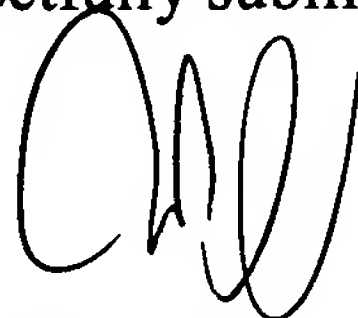
Claims 8-14 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. New claims 15-21 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 8-21 are currently pending in the application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 8-14 do not affect the patentability of those claims. In addition, Applicants submit that new claims 15-21, although of differing scope, should be allowed for the same reasons as claims 8-14. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all of claims 8-21 be allowed and a new Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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